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SUBJECT: JOINT HEALTH COMMITTEE MEETING

REF: STATE 257696

1. HEALTH JOINT COMMITTEE MEETING CONCLUDED OCTOBER 28 WITH
POSITIVE DEVELOPMENTS IN ALL AREAS EXCEPT SCHIZOPHRENIA,
WHERE SOVIET INJECTION OF POLITICAL ISSUES CREATED STIR AND
ATTRACTED SOME NEWSMEN'S ATTENTION. VISIT TO ATLANTA CDC
OCT 27 WENT VERY WELL.

2. SUBSTANTIVE HIGHLIGHTS OF MEETING INCLUDED AGREEMENT TO
ADD ARTERIAL HYPERTENSION TO CARDIOVASCULAR PROJECT AREA
AND AGREEMENT THAT EYE SPECIALISTS WILL CONSULT OVER COMING
MONTHS ON POSSIBLE NEW PROGRAMS. LATTER POINT FORESEES
TALKS ON POTENTIAL COOPERATION ON RETINITIS PIGMENTOSA,
GLAUCOMA, AND CATARACTS, WITH POSSIBLE FORMAL AGREEMENT NEXT
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3. CONTENTION AROSE IN SCHIZOPHRENIA AREA WHEN SOVIETS
ALLUDED TO WESTERN CRITICISM OF MENTAL PATIENT TREATMENT
IN USSR, SPECIFICALLY TO HONOLULU CONFERENCE RESOLUTION.
SOVIETS SOUGHT LANGUAGE IN MEETING PROTOCOL SUPPORTIVE OF
THEIR POSITION. US SIDE REJECTED THIS SOVIET PROPOSAL AND

AFTER

DISCUSSION, PROTOCOL WAS SIGNED WITH SECTION ON
SCHIZOPHRENIA CONTAINING REFERENCE TO VIEWS EXPRESSED, BUT
AGREEING TO CONTINUE COOPERATION.

4. CONCLUDING REMARKS OF MEETING STRESSED AGREEMENT
PROGRESS WITHOUT FURTHER CONTENTIOUS ASSERTIONS. HOWEVER,
HAVE INQUIRED ABOUT MENTAL HEALTH ISSUE, ALTHOUGH NO
STORIES HAVE YET APPEARED AND NO QUESTIONS WERE PUT AT JCM
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